

CARTER COUNTY TOMORROW, INC
BOARD MEETING MINUTES APRIL
23, 2012

Approved 5-29-12
Steve Lawrence

PRESENT: KEITH HART, SONJA CULLER, RICHARD TESTER,
LEON HUMPHREY, CHARLES LA PORTE, DENISE
LEFLEUR, CURT ALEXANDER, DWAYNE TAYLOR,
CLEO REED, TOM ANDERSON, KIM EGGERS,
FELICIA ENGLISH, ANNEKA HAMPTON, JASON
MULLINS

FILED

5-30, 2012

MARY GOUGE
COUNTY CLERK

PL D.C.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MARCH MEETING MINUTES WAS
MADE BY SONJA CULLER, KEITH HART, SECONDED.. MOTION
APPROVED.

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MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT MADE BY
CHARLES LAPORTE, SECONDED BY RICHARD TESTER..
MOTION APPROVED.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE 2012-2013 PARTNER BUDGETS
MADE BY SONJA CULLER, SECONDED BY CURT ALEXANDER.
MOTION APPROVED.

FELICIA ENGLISH REPORED THAT THE CHAMBER ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP DINNER WILL BE HELD JUNE 22ND AT MILLIGAN
COLLEGE. COST IS \$25 PER TICKET. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE
NOW. CONGRESSMAN PHIL ROE WILL BE THE GUEST
SPEAKER. SHE ALSO REPORTED THAT CHANGES ARE BEING
MADE TO THE WEBSITE AND THAT A MEMBERSHIP
DIRECTORY IS IN THE PLANNING STAGE.

ANNIKA HAMPTON REPORTED THAT TOURISM WEEK WILL BE
OBSERVED IN MAY. SHE STATED THAT THE CHAMBER IS NOW
OPEN ON SATURDAYS FROM 9 TILL 1 TO ASSIST WITH TOURISM
TRAFFIC. SHE IS WORKING ON RESEARCHING A PROGRAM FOR
RETIREEES.

KIM EGGERS STATED THAT THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
COMPLEX HAS COMPLETED THE LANDSCAPING PROJECT.
FOURTEEN TREES HAVE BEEN PLANTED AND SHE INFORMED
THE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE ANNUAL FISHING TOURNAMENT
HELP AT THE WFD COMPLEX. THIS YEAR THE DATE IS JUNE 16
FROM 9 AM TILL NOON FOR THE FISHING TOURNAMENT. LAST
YEAR 250 KIDS SIGNED IN TO PARTICIPATE.

TOM ANDERSON REPORTED ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT
SEVERAL PHONE CALLS HAD BEEN ANSWERED FROM PEOPLE
WANTING TO KNOW ABOUT CONSTRUCTION WORK TO THE RAIL

TRACK RUNNING THROUGH ELIZABETHTON. TOM STATED THAT ALL CROSSTIES, RAILS, SPIKES AND OTHER PROPERTY BELONG TO G AND W RAILROAD AND CANNOT BE TAKEN BY THE PUBLIC. THE PROJECT IS PLANNED TO BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 2013.

HE SAID THAT THE COUNTY HAS IDENTIFIED A LAND SITE FOR A POTENTIAL SPEC SITE. THE PRIVATE OWNER OF THE 8 ACRES OF PROPERTY HAS AGREED TO ALLOW OFFICIALS TO CONDUCT PRE ENGINEERING STUDIES. THE INFRASTRUCTURE IS ALREADY IN PLACE. INTERSTATE AND NEARBY RAIL ACCESS WILL MAKE IT A VERY MARKETABLE PROPERTY.

ANDERSON AND COUNTY MAYOR HUMPHREY MET WITH AN INTERNATIONAL HOTEL CORPORATION ABOUT BRINGING A MID TO UPPER LEVEL HOTEL FACILITY TO ELIZABETHTON AND CARTER COUNTY. INFORMATION TO THE HOTEL CORPORATION NEEDS TO SHOW THAT THIS AREA CAN PROVIDE ENOUGH RESERVATIONS TO MAKE IT PROFITABLE. THE NEXT STEP IS TO FIND A DEVELOPER AND A FRANCHISEE TO PROVIDE THE CAPITAL TO BUILD THE HOTEL.

THE RED ENERGY PROJECT CONTINUES TO TAKE SHAPE. ANDERSON HOPES TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT THIS SUMMER.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2012, DUE TO THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE ON MONDAY. MEETING WILL BE AT 5 PM AT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

RECORDING SECRETARY

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eric Reed".